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For: MODIFIED NATURAL RUBBER

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated March 16, 1999, the period for response having been extended three months to September 16, 1999, the following remarks are made in connection with the above-identified application.

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Remarks

Claims 1-3 and 7-19 are pending.

Issues Under 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 9-18 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yasuyuki et al. EP 0 584 597 taken with Kondo et al. U.S. Patent No. 4,208,490, or Burlett et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,118,546, or